## Authoring Procedures with Timing and Ordering Constraints, Phase I



Completed Technology Project (2009 - 2009)

#### **Project Introduction**

The paper-based manual crew procedures that formed the basis of mission management for the manned space program are being replaced by electronic procedure representations and execution engines that support adjustable autonomy. Adhering to the conventions of the legacy procedures makes procedure authoring intuitive and less error prone than approaches that require the author to program in a formal planning language. However, this approach also preserves a drawback of the paper-based procedure: inflexibility in execution due to a lack of information about constraints implicit in the procedure. We propose to develop the Procedure Authoring with Constraints Tool (PACT), an intuitive graphical drag-and-drop and WYSIWYG authoring environment that preserves the conventions of the paper-base procedure, but adds the capability to capture timing and ordering constraints with minimal additional effort. During this Phase I project, we will specify user interface and functional requirements, create representative use cases, design the Phase II system, and develop and evaluate a proof-of-concept prototype to illustrate our approach and demonstrate its utility and feasibility.

#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations and Key Partners**





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# Organizational Responsibility

# Responsible Mission Directorate:

Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)

#### **Lead Center / Facility:**

Ames Research Center (ARC)

#### **Responsible Program:**

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Tech Transfer



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Organizations Performing Work	Role	Туре	Location
Ames Research Center(ARC)	Lead	NASA	Moffett Field,
	Organization	Center	California
Stottler Henke	Supporting	Industry	San Mateo,
Associates, Inc.	Organization		California

#### **Primary U.S. Work Locations**

California

### **Project Management**

#### **Program Director:**

Jason L Kessler

#### **Program Manager:**

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# **Technology Areas**

#### **Primary:**

- TX06 Human Health, Life Support, and Habitation Systems
  - ☐ TX06.6 Human Systems
    Integration
    - ☐ TX06.6.1 Human Factors Engineering

